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For exact location of the Bechyne Military Airfield, see Enclosure A (circled number one), with legend.

1. "Work on the Bechyne Airfield was started in the Fall of 1952. Plans for the field were drawn by the POBISTA [sic] Company in Prague. The airfield was scheduled to be ready for use at the end of 1953.
2. Five hundred workers, and an equal number of soldiers were employed in the construction. Equipment consisted of five bulldozers, and one concrete mixer. The field area was first drained, then cleared and flattened. Only one shift was worked, though it was generally believed that a second shift would be established in May, 1953.
3. "A railway branch line was constructed from the railroad junction at Budomerice to the Bechyne Airfield; and an asphalt highway was planned to run along the airfield, from Budomerice to Budejovice. The highway was seven meters wide. [Note that the legend lists highways (circled numbers two and three) as six meters wide.]
4. "The airfield was guarded day and night. [redacted] projected to have two runways, and that it was to be used for jet planes."

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ENCLOSURE: (A): Sketch-map of Tabor showing Military Airfield, Bechyně, with legend.

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Legend: Sketch-map of Bechyne Military Airfield

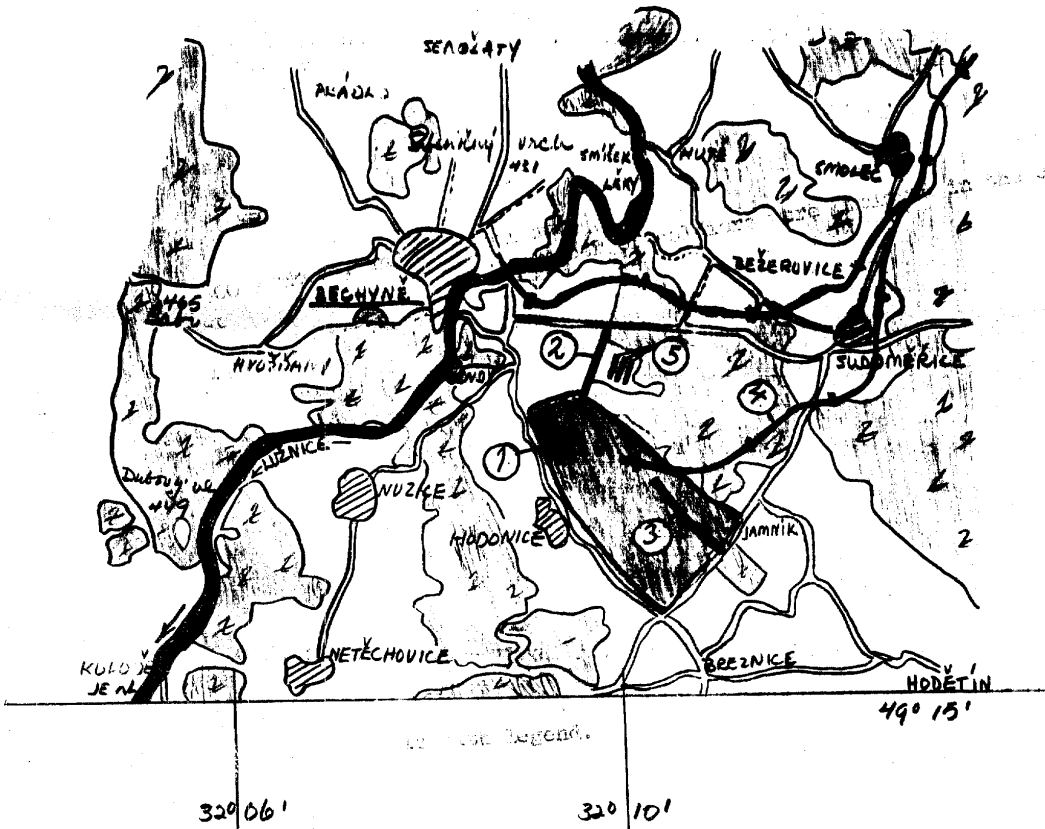
- 1. Airfield area (airport is for jet planes)
- 2. Asphalt highway leading to airfield: 6 meters wide
- 3. Asphalt highway: 6 meters wide
- 4. Railway junction
- 5. 24 wooden barracks: for employees

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